

Dear Friend:

Promises made should be promises kept.

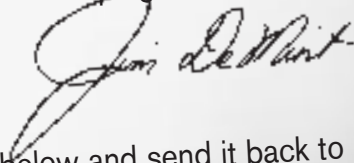
After a lifetime of hard work and paying taxes, you should be able to trust that all your Social Security money will be there when you need it.

I am proud to report that, for the second year in a row, the Republican-led Congress has balanced the budget without using one penny of your Social Security money.

We have ended the 30-year raid on the Social Security Trust Fund.

We have stopped Washington from using your retirement to pay for massive government spending sprees.

Keeping our promises,



P.S. Please take the time to fill out the questionnaire below and send it back to me with your comments. Your input is important to our nation's future!

## KEEPING OUR PROMISES ... TODAY!

For over three decades, Washington raided the Social Security Trust Fund to pay for more government spending. In fact, beginning in 1970, Washington big spenders stole \$3.5 trillion from Social Security.

The result of this irresponsibility?

Medicare and Social Security were going bankrupt, and no one in Washington seemed to care! They saw your retirement money as a way to pay for more government programs.

## PROTECTING SOCIAL SECURITY ... FOR TODAY AND TOMORROW!

Our new majority in Congress said this raid on Social Security had to stop. Our seniors deserved better.

I helped pass "The Social Security and Medicare Safe Deposit Box Act" that ended the 30-year spending spree and restored integrity to the Social Security Trust Fund.

It's simple. I believe we can protect your retirement by making sure every penny of the Social Security Trust Fund is used only to strengthen Social Security and Medicare.

Some said we couldn't do it. But we proved them wrong by making history! In October the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office reported that our budget ended the raid on Social Security. This is good news for our seniors and future retirees. They can rest easy knowing Social Security will be there when they need it.

By stopping the raid on your Social Security money, we are



protecting this vital program today so you can enjoy a safe and secure tomorrow. We are honoring the commitments made to the American people. Without gimmicks. Without tricks.

But Social Security needs some repair if it will be around for our children's retirement. Through some common-sense improvements, we can create a retirement system that:

- **guarantees** benefits so you can rest easy in your Golden Years.
- **protects** your money from being spent on other government programs.
- is **secure** for the next generation.
- gives retirees more **control** over their money.
- increases personal **wealth** and **freedom** by allowing you to invest your Social Security money.

More freedom. More independence. More security. With these goals in mind, we can create a retirement system our families can count on.

## Congressman Jim DeMint's Citizen Questionnaire on Social Security

*What approach do you think Congress should take with the Social Security Trust Fund?*

- ☐ The Republican plan to continue to lock away 100% of your Social Security money to insure benefits for today's seniors and tomorrow's retirees.
- ☐ The President's plan to use Social Security money to pay for more government spending.
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **Yes**, Jim, I want to receive your weekly e-mail update on what's happening in Congress. My e-mail address is: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **No** thanks, Jim, but please keep me informed periodically on the big issues facing me and my family.

*How should we improve the Social Security system?*

- ☐ Use the budget surplus to extend the life of Social Security.
- ☐ Begin to give retirees more freedom, control and security by allowing them to invest a portion of their Social Security money.
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_